large scale cattle breeding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Bull Production Programme', there is provision to involve gaushalas in associated herd Progeny Testing Programmes for selected indigenous breeds of cattle and to provide them with financial assistance for the purpose. So far 33 gaushalas have been involved under the scheme of Associated Herd Progeny Testing Programme for the Hariana, Kankrej, Gir and Sahiwal breeds of cattle. Besides this, the State Governments also have their own programmes for gaushalas.

(d) To encourage large scale cattle breeding the following steps have been taken up by the Government:

(i) Expansion and strengthening of the frozen semen network.

(ii) Production and supply of good quality male stock/semen.

(iii) Performance recording in field areas.

(iv) Strengthening of selected cattle breeding farms.

Refusal of DRDO Scholarships by IIT students

659. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that students graduating from IIT in the subject to Aero-space-Engineering have refused to accept scholarship offered by Defence Research and Development Organisation, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what steps Government propose to take in preventing brain drain from India; and

(c) whether Government propose to create attractive schemes to absorb the intelligent students in Defence?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Aeronautics Research and Development Board under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has offered 82 scholarships to students of Indian Institutes of Technology during the period 1990 — 1994, out of which 30 have been availed of. This scholarship is not popular among Aero-space Engineering students for various reasons such as bond condition, proficiency level etc.

(b) To prevent brain drain, the Government have taken various steps which include increase in Science and Technology outlays, creation of new Scientific Departments/Organisations, delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers to Science and Technology Institutions, etc.

(c) The DRDO scheme was envisaged specifically with a view to attracting talent and preventing brain drain within the constraints of Government service rules and regulations.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi on MPs. Recommendation

660. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recommendations forwarded by MPs. to him for the admission of Children/Student seeking admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi/New Delhi during the month from January till date under his discretionary quota and how many letters have been acknowledged so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not giving admission on their recommendations and the total number of children who have been admitted in Central Schools under this quota till date?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that each Member of Parliament is entitled to recommend two cases for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas. In addition, the Members of Parliament who are on the Standing Committee & Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Human Resource Development can recommend 3 more cases each. For 1995-96 academic session, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan received 1512 recommendations from Members of Parliament for which orders have already been issued.

Controversies on National Library, Calcutta

661. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new controversies have further deepened the already critical situation in the National Library at Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details of the controversies and the steps taken to resolve them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Finding of International Food Policy Research Institute

662. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has expressed concern about fall in India's Agriculture farm growth in their report;

(b) the main recommendations therein in regard to supply and demand for food in the next century; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has observed that India's agricultural growth has been sufficient in recent decades. However, the main observations made in the Report include more emphasis on diversification in agriculture, need to increase capital investment in agriculture, higher outlays for agricultural research and extension, priority for completion of the ongoing irrigation projects, faster growth in institutional credit, and involving the NGOs and private sector in building rural infrastructure, etc.

(c) The findings of the study are of general nature and the Government is already seized of the issues raised therein.

संशोधित व्यापक फसल बीमा योजना

663. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार एक संशोधित व्यापक फसल बीमा योजना के संबंध में विचार कर रही है;

(ख) वर्तमान योजना के उद्देश्य क्या हैं और इसमें संशोधन करने के लिए किन-किन मुद्दों की ओर ध्यान दिलाया गया है; और

(ग) देश के सभी किसानों को इस योजना के अंतर्गत शामिल करने के लिए कौन-कौन से उपाय किये जा रहे हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम): (क) से (ग) वर्तमान बृहत फसल बीमा योजना देश में प्राकृतिक आपदाओं, जैसे बाढ़ तथा सूखा आदि के कारण फसलों को हुई हानि के परिणामस्वरूप किसानों को वित्तीय समर्थन मुहैया कराने